

Questions & Answers:

The Evaluation of the Public and Indian Housing Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators (ROSS-SC) Program

- 1. Question:** Under d. Project 4, (2) The methods HUD is expecting to be used, it reads: "2) administration of a survey of service coordinators employed by the FY 2014 ROSS-SC grantees," is it HUD's expectation that the survey will be limited to just ROSS coordinators or is HUD also expecting the contractor to survey residents, service providers and others involved with the ROSS program?

Answer: As stated in the NOFA, HUD is interested in understanding more about the service coordinators themselves, as well as their role in the development in which they operate. HUD anticipates that the best way to gather this information may be the administration of a survey of the service coordinators themselves. Applicants are invited to propose a research design which best answers the research questions posed in the HUDRD NOFA, and which complies with both the timeframe and the budget ceiling for the completion of the project.

- 2. Question:** In our reading of the ROSS PDR Research NOFA, it is our understanding that we will have access to ROSS grant applications so that we might compare proposed activities in the grant application and the activities that were actually performed. Is that correct?

Answer: Yes. As stated in the NOFA, HUD will partner with the research team to ensure maximum access to HUD-controlled data, including grantee applications and reports.

- 3. Question:** Will the contractor also have access to HUD's ROSS Grant Performance Evaluations?

Answer: Yes. As stated in the NOFA, HUD will partner with the research team to ensure maximum access to HUD-controlled data, including grantee applications and reports.

- 4. Question:** Can HUD provide an example of an Annual Report?

Answer: In prior years, grantees have been required to report using a Logic Model which was approved under OMB Control Number 2535-0144.

- 5. Question:** The NOFA makes reference to a web-based survey for data collection. Will HUD provide any assistance in contacting the Service Coordinators to complete the survey?

Answer: HUD does not maintain contact information for Service Coordinators hired under the ROSS-SC grants, thus the research team will be expected to partner with the relevant PHAs to reach the Service Coordinators to be surveyed. HUD will partner with the research team to the greatest extent possible to help facilitate outreach to the PHAs, however the full responsibility for conducting the survey will reside with the research team.

- 6. Question:** The NOFA makes reference to a web-based survey for data collection. Will HUD provide any assistance with follow-up with Service Coordinators who are non-responsive to the survey?

Answer: HUD does not maintain contact information for Service Coordinators hired under the ROSS-SC grants, thus the research team will be expected to partner with the relevant PHAs to reach the Service Coordinators to be surveyed. HUD will partner with the research team to the greatest extent possible to help facilitate outreach to the PHAs, however the full responsibility for conducting the survey, and achieving the proposed response rate, will reside with the research team.

- 7. Question:** The NOFA makes reference to a web-based survey for data collection. Did HUD envision site visits are part of this study?

Answer: The NOFA does not state that site visits will be an expected task under this research effort. Applicants are invited to propose a research design which best answers the research questions posed in the HUDRD NOFA, and which complies with both the timeframe and the budget ceiling for the completion of the project.

- 8. Question:** The NOFA makes reference to a web-based survey for data collection. Are site visits an allowable/acceptable cost under this Cooperative Agreement?

Answer: Information regarding allowable costs can be found under Section VI. of the HUDRD NOFA. Applicants are invited to propose a research design which best answers the research questions posed in the HUDRD NOFA, and which complies with both the timeframe and the budget ceiling for the completion of the project.